



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to all the parents who attended the meetings during this week, to give you all of the information you need for the start of this first term. I hope you found the time useful. I cannot tell you how important it is for a successful education, to have a really strong home / school relationship. The better we work together, the stronger the school will be, so thank you to those who were able to attend. These meetings will form a regular part of what we do over the coming months.

Thank you so much too for the really high quality appearance of the children. They really do look smart in their uniforms and this has given a great 'team' feel to the school.

Our first "**Meet the Principal**" opportunities of the term will take place this coming Wednesday at 8.40am. This very informal meeting gives any and all parents the opportunity to come into school and meet with myself and other parents so that together we can look at some of the issues, concerns, criticisms, challenges that we could resolve together and also increasingly share ideas and celebrate successes. Tea and biscuits form a central part of the meeting so do please join me if you can.

I very much look forward to seeing you there.

### **Nursery**

In nursery next week we have all our new children starting full time.

We will be working on getting everyone in happily and settled.

We will be showing the children how to access all the areas of the nursery so that they can then use them independently.

### **Reception News**

The children have settled in fabulously this week and are looking brilliant in their new school uniforms. Next week we will be starting our new topic called "Our Local Area."

This would be a great opportunity for you to talk about your journey to and from school and everything that you can see!

As part of our new learning we will be making junk models of houses.

Please can you collect any boxes, bottles and lids to help the children with their constructions?

The children will have their first PE lesson on Thursday. Please remember to bring their PE kits.

Thank you from Reception Team.

### **Year 1**

The children have made a brilliant start to Year 1 and are generally settling in really well.

We're very grateful to you, as parents for helping the children adapt to the changes by preparing them with small, but really helpful, things like dropping your child off at the door instead of coming in. Please continue to do this so that the children can come in quietly and read.

P.E. days are Tuesday and Wednesday for Nightingale class and Monday and Wednesday for Ennis class. Please ensure your child's P.E kit is left in school so it's ready for these days.

**Year 2**

It has been a very busy start to the beginning of Year 2. The children have settled into their new routine very well and have enjoyed their learning this week. Our visit to Portchester Castle was a great success! The children had a lovely day exploring the ruins and climbing the tower. Next week, the children will be learning how to write interesting sentences in literacy, in maths they will be writing numbers as words and exploring numbers to 100. Practise counting to 100 with your children over the weekend to help them with this. In our topic work, we are going to begin designing and making castles. Could we ask you to collect any cardboard boxes and cardboard tubes you have at home and bring them in to school please. Your child will be given their homework book today in order to complete their homework over the weekend. Homework should be returned by Wednesday. Please support your child to complete their homework on time. Thank you.

**Year 3**

We have really enjoyed getting to know all of the Year 3s this week and are very impressed with how well they are settling in now they are in KS2.

Next week, Year 3 will be continuing their number unit in Maths. In Literacy, they will be beginning to write a story from the perspective of a Neanderthal girl living in the Stone Age period. In topic, they will be creating and tasting a Stone Age berry delicacy that would have been eaten by Neanderthal man. They will be beginning to learn French, finding out about messages and how they have changed through time and in Science exploring how light works.

**Year 4**

A fantastic start to the week in Year 4!

Children have hit the ground running and have already produced some outstanding work.

Next week we will be writing our very own portal stories in literacy. In numeracy, we will be learning how to round numbers and we will be continuing with our Ancient Egyptian topic -

where we will get to turn one another into mummies.

Homework is being sent out today and is expected to be returned by Wednesday 20th. We ask for your full support regarding children completing this homework.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in speaking to one of the Year 4 team.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Year 5**

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the new school year have been working hard. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed our chocolate truffle-making workshop last week and learnt a lot about how chocolates are prepared and created.



In literacy, we are focusing on persuasive writing. We have created adverts for our own chocolate designs and, next week, we will be writing persuasive letters: focusing of the use of rhetorical questions and emotive language.

In maths, we are learning to round numbers to the nearest thousand, ten-thousand and hundred-thousand, focusing on our understanding of place value. We have also been using this to order and compare numbers up to a million.

In topic next week, we will be continuing to learn about the Aztecs and how they used chocolate. We will also be using chocolate to draw and paint.

We would like to thank all of you who came to the introduction meeting on Thursday. Please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any questions or queries regarding the expectations in Year 5 this year.

## **Year 6**

English - as the pupils have discovered, the wolf may not be entirely to blame. We are learning to be journalists to get to the truth and report it effectively.

Maths - further learning is being done on place value to ensure this is secure before moving on to multiplication and division methods.

Topic - We are investigating more famous crimes and how various agencies assist in solving them; in particular police illustrators and forensic scientists.

The Y6 team.